

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 19**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ma**

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 19—Relative to the Healthy Families Program.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 19, as introduced, Ma. Healthy Families Program.

This measure would memorialize each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children’s Health Insurance Program to assure federal funding for the Healthy Families Program. The measure would also urge the Governor to use his best efforts to work with the Congressional delegation in that regard and to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families Program.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Legislature regards the health of our children
- 2 to be of paramount importance to families in our state; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The Legislature regards poor child health as a
- 4 threat to the educational achievement, and social and psychological
- 5 well-being of the children in our state; and

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers protecting the health of  
2 our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest  
3 citizens and the quality of life in our state; and

4 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers California's State  
5 Children's Health Insurance Program, the Healthy Families  
6 Program, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health  
7 benefits for children of our state; and

8 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the value of the Healthy  
9 Families Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and  
10 treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and  
11 reducing overall health costs; and

12 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers the federal funding  
13 available for the Healthy Families Program to be indispensable to  
14 providing health benefits for children of modest means; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*  
17 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the members of  
18 California's delegation to the United States Congress to ensure  
19 that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health  
20 Insurance Program to assure federal funding for the Healthy  
21 Families Program; and be it further

22 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his  
23 best efforts to work with the California Congressional delegation  
24 to ensure that the State Children's Health Insurance Program is  
25 reauthorized in a timely manner; and be it further

26 *Resolved,* That the Legislature proclaims that all components  
27 of state government should work together with educators, health  
28 care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all  
29 available public and private assistance for providing health benefits  
30 to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent  
31 possible; and be it further

32 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his  
33 best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and  
34 enroll children who qualify for Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families  
35 Program; and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
37 of this resolution to the Governor, to each Senator and

- 1 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
- 2 States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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